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Illinois has some of the worst air in the nation. The Pollution Control Board and the Illinois EPA are public servants. The decision to close all coal plants in Illinois is the direction the people of Illinois, your employers, want you to go. To allow Dynegy to double the air pollution and water pollution is unfathomable. Please put the health and well-being of your constituents ahead of profits for dirty Texas energy companies.

Coal has been subsidized for at least two centuries. If utilities and coal plants can't make it on their own in a capitalistic economy, it is time for coal to go. I say, **"It is time for coal to go."**

If **Dynegy** past is prolog, they will take **the cheap but dirty way**, closing cleaner plants to keep open the dirtier plants. The word for this is **"Greed"**. This Board has the responsibility to protect the public not the bottom line of dirty energy companies.

In fact, the closed door meetings with Gov. Rauner and other officials circumvent open government laws shows a reckless disrespect for democracy. This process puts our health, our economy and environment below the profits of Dynegy, a Texas company. Why? Who is giving money and to whom to make this decision?

It is high time Illinois get aboard the solar express. Use of renewables is here and here to stay. There is no use in our future economy for fossil fuels of any kind much less dirty worn out coal.

Dynegy has known for a long, long time that the air pollution they create will result in more deaths of people with asthma and chronic pulmonary diseases, as well as heart disease. They tried to hide their dirty secret, but the public knows what they are doing.

Use coal, kill our Earth.

Please deny bailout of Dynegy.

Thank you.

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